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How to Write a Comment – Methodentraining Teil 3 (Klasse 1) –1

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M 1 How to write a comment in four steps

In a written test, you are often asked to express your personal opinion of the pic in the form of a comment. So, you need to show that you can discuss to pros and the off an issue in a well-structured way. To do this, use the following for steps to create a subree major parts of the text, the introduction, the main part and the conclusion:

Steps	Parts of the text	What you do
1.		collect ideas/take notes
2.	Introduction	present the question/isco
3.	Main part	a) present argument in favour of + exam, s or explanations
		b) present argument again the pples or explanations
4.	Conclusion	briefly sum u your personal option and give a final comment

Now let's take a closer look at the four steps.

Step 1: Take notes about the pic.

- ✓ This helps you to structure your arguments in a logical order, e.g. first the advantages (pros), then the disadvantages (cons).
- ✓ Think about examples a sublanations you could give to support your arguments.

Step 2: Start by writin, the <u>main startion</u> to the topic.

✓ To get your reader curiou, an inter sted in the topic, you could refer to a recent event, for example, a person of experience or a famous person talking about the problem.

✓ Make it cle₂ why it s importa , to discuss the issue.

Step 3: **1. main and the set of t**

✓ Your ideas show the grouped together in paragraphs.

- Each graph show develop a single argument only. So start a new paragraph whenever begin a widea.
- I sually the first entence in a paragraph is the topic sentence which clearly states viat the whole viagraph is about.

The ther senten les in the paragraph add additional information such as **details** and **comples**

If ou are arguing in favour of the topic, start with the disadvantages. If you are arguing against the topic, start with the advantages. The reader will best remember the argunents that are closest to the conclusion.

In the <u>conclusion</u>, you clearly state your final point of view.

- **Do not repeat your arguments**. Sum up the pros or cons and their consequences in your own words.
- ✓ Make your ending personal: Think about possible consequences and effects of your opinion or position.

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M 2 Structuring a comment

Discuss the following quotation: "Globalization is a fact of life. But I believe we have underestimated its fragility." (Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General)

Tasks: 1. Read the draft written by a student in response to the task abo. The sentences are <u>not</u> in the right order. Underline the expressions which may help to structure the text correctly. 2. Reorganise the comment by writing the prectoumber in front of the sentences.

Introduction

A	1	The former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan holds of life but believes we have underestimated its fragily.	at globalization is a lact
В		Whether globalization makes the world stronger or we the following.	er will be dis ssed in
С		With this statement, the politician refers to over interdependencies in every field of life.	rall p of global

Main Part 1: Advantages

D	A further argument I would like to present is the increase of access to international developments for the individual thank mean ike the Internet.		
E	Thus, everyone can profit from better learning opportunities, gain an understanding about culture elseve pre, and make crutact with people from all over the world.		
F	In addition, the number of real jobs has pereased if you are prepared to go abroad.		
G	One enormous advantage is the stronger cooperation in international politics.		
Н	Some examples of this are the UN, be WTO and the European Union.		
I	When discussing the of globalization, you must bear in mind how many areas of our every, by inclusions tively influenced by it.		

Main Part 2: Disadvantages

J	A lot of name le around the world have suffered from the financial crisis – they have lear the money, the homes, their jobs.
К	A second argument that shows a negative consequence of globalization is the space of interview.
L	However, ofi Annan points out, many areas of life can be easily affected due to global interpendence.
М	One son for concising globalization can be seen in the disastrous effects of the fine tial crisis in recent years.
N	The main ason for these catastrophes seems to be global warming.
0	Thirdly, on point that cannot be ignored is the number of natural disasters that eve affected people all over the world.
r	The usea can be best illustrated by the after-effects of 9/11, the high number of deaths in the war on terrorism and restrictions in everyday life due to increased security, for example at airports.
Cu.	ion
Q	Finally, I wish to point out that a lot of these problems could be solved if we

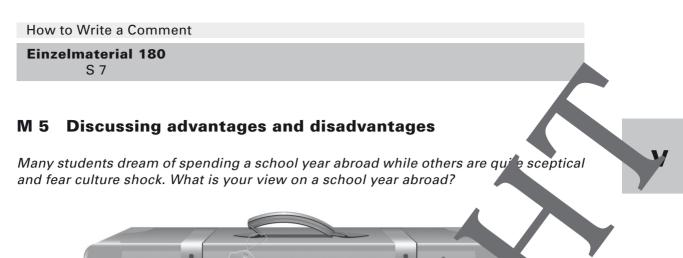
continue to improve global cooperation.

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fragile because there are a lot of dangers we need to consider.

Taking everything into account, I agree with the statement that globalization is





What should you take with you, a year abroad?

Tasks

- 1. Write an internal **introduction** (see the worksheet "Introductions and conclusions").
- 2. Now discy the adv process and disadvantages.

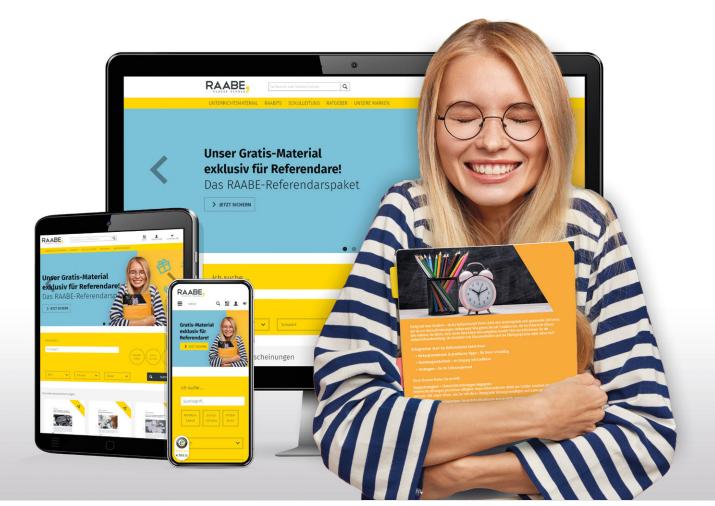
To help you what the **main part** of the comment, you can use the help sheet "How to write the main part". There you will also find some topic sentences for the main argument together the hotes containing more ideas.

se these heres to turn the topic sentences into full paragraphs with several ntences.

We a **personal conclusion** (see the worksheet "Introductions and conclusions").



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